



PATENT  
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 0052/036001

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Nobuyoshi NAMBU et al. Art Unit: 1724  
Application No.: 09/674,167 Examiner: Cintins, I.  
Filed : December 28, 2000  
Title : CHELATE-FORMING FILTER, PROCESS FOR PRODUCING  
THE SAME, AND METHOD OF PURIFYING LIQUID USING  
THE FILTER

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

In response to the Office Communication dated December 10, 2003, applicants hereby submit the enclosed papers including a Response to Office Communication.

The required fees are calculated below:

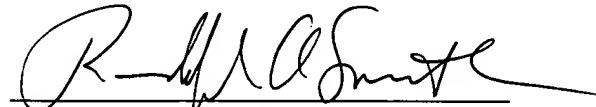
Total Claims	<u>14</u>	-	<u>20</u>	=	<u>0</u>	\$0.00
Independent	<u>3</u>	-	<u>3</u>	=	<u>0</u>	\$0.00

TOTAL FEE DUE: \$0.00

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE THIS FEE AND ANY OTHER FEES WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 19-2586, REFERENCING ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 0052/036001. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS PAPER IS ENCLOSED. THIS IS A GENERAL AUTHORIZATION EXCLUDING ONLY PAYMENT OF THE ISSUE FEE.

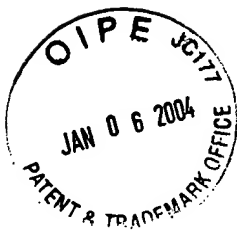
Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION

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In response to the Office Communication dated December 10,  
2003, please amend the application as follows:

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.